aimed at providing speedy and inexpensive justice to the people and would also reduce the pendency in courts.

These Lok Adalats can also take cognizance of cases at pre-litigative stage. People can setle their legal disputes without taking recourse to the litigation through law courts thereby reducing the intake of cases in regular courts.

Check of Casual Litigation

2093. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the Supreme Court golden jubilee celebrations coinciding with the LAW DAY, the need for putting a check on casual litigation by Government was underlined by the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what is the number of casual litigations pending at present in various courts including special courts; and

(c) the number of cases which have fallen through during the last three years due to casual litigation?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of House.

Disposal of Complaints of Investors

2094. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have directed the Department of Company Affairs (DCA) to dispose off complaints of investors and other cases pertaining to the working of companies within the time-frame of 30 days; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this respect so far?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) The

Department of Company Affairs have formulated a Citizen's Charter to implement the policies and procedures of the Department for the benefit of public, investors and corporate sector. It lays a time frame for expenditious resolution of complaints from the investors and processing of applications from public/corporate sector under various sections of the Companies Act, 1956. The prescribed time frame ranges from 2 working days to 90 days. The complaints regarding delay in issue of allotment letters and Share/debenture certificates, refund of application money, delay in transfar of shares and non payment of dividend/interest on shares/debentures/fixed deposits etc. are required to be settled within 8 time frame of 30 days.

The Citizen's Charter was adopted in August, 1999. The Regional Directors of the Department have been asked to ensure adherence to the time schedules and constantly review the implementation of the Charter. The first quarterly review is scheduled in January, 2000.

Matching grant for development of infrastructure of Courts in Madhya Pradesh

2095. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an amount of Rs. 52,37,91,586/ has been spent for the development of infrastructure of Courts by the Government of Madhya Pradesh during the year 1993-94 to 1998-99 and 50% amount of this expediture has not been received from the Centre; what action is being taken by Central Government in this regard; and

(b) what action is being taken by Central Government to fill up eight posts of judges in Madhya Pradesh High Court?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) An amount of Rs. 2039.40 lakhs has been released to Government of Madhya Pradesh as Central share from 1993-94 to 1998-99 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the development of infrastructural facilities for the Judiciary. Against this, as per the information available, the State of Madhya Pradesh has spent a cumulative amount of Rs. 5647.94 lakhs till 1998-99.